

Discover the Delaware Bay with us!



FREE Public Programs offered June and July 2016

Discovery Labs for our Future Scientists

Would you like to better understand climate change and the impacts that are expected in Delaware? Or maybe learn how to identify native plants and animals? Then join a Reserve scientist to explore these topics and more through our Discovery Lab Series! The programs in this series look at the issues and animals our researchers study through hands on activities intended for younger audiences. **These programs are designed for families with children aged 7 and older.** **Depending on the program it will take place at different locations and require different dress. Please be sure to double check where the program will occur when registering.**

Monday, July 25, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Nocturnal Animals and Night Hike

St. Jones Reserve

818 Kitts Hummock Road, Dover

Canoe Trips on Blackbird Creek

Take an adventure up Blackbird Creek to observe the various habitats and wildlife in and along the creek. Wear comfortable clothing. Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn. Canoeing experience is preferred but not required. The canoe trip will meet at the Blackbird Creek Reserve component at 801 Blackbird Landing Road in Townsend, Delaware. **Space is limited. Tandem kayaks are available upon request.**

Monday, June 27, 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

***Saturday, July 30, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Experienced paddlers only.*

Catch us Around Town!

The Delaware State Fair in the DNREC Building:

Tuesday, July 26, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will be giving short presentations at 12:00, 1:00, and 2:00 PM on the horseshoe crab with horseshoe crab models for children to build to celebrate Kid's Day.

Friday, July 29, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We will be giving three separate presentations on some of the awesome animals that can be found in and around the Delaware Bay. At 12:00 and 3:00 join us to learn more about the horseshoe crab, and at 1:00 come in for our Skins, Scats, and Tracks program.

Muckless Marsh Walk

Join a naturalist for an approximately 1/4 mile guided walk as we explore the St. Jones saltmarsh. Learn about the ecological and economic importance of marshes and the research on marshes being completed at the Reserve. The walk will meet at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Delaware). **Wear comfortable shoes.**

Friday, June 17, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

St. Jones River Birding and Boating

Joint Program with Delaware Nature Society

Investigate the St. Jones Reserve in search of flora and fauna as we wind through waters dominated by Saltmarsh Cordgrass and Saltmeadow Hay. Cruise in a skiff along the winding mouth of the St. Jones River looking for Ospreys, Black Skimmers, and Great Blue Herons. Seine on the shores of Little Creek Wildlife Area in search of Atlantic Silversides, Atlantic Horseshoe Crabs, and Northern Sea Robins. Boat tour compliments of the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve. Bring a bag lunch. Led by John Harrod and Matt Babbitt of DNS.

Saturday, July 23, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Please contact 302-656-1490 with questions and [to register](#).

Discovering the Delaware Bay

Join a naturalist around a campfire to discover the heritage of the Delaware Bay and how the estuary has shaped our coastal communities. This program is for all ages and will include time for marshmallow roasting at the end of the program, participants must bring their own supplies. The program meets at the Blackbird Creek Reserve (802 Blackbird Landing Road in Townsend, Delaware). **Please bring something to sit on and dress for the weather.**

Friday, July 8, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Save the Date!

National Estuaries Day Celebration

Saturday, September 24

Blackbird Creek Fall Festival

Saturday, October, 15

Program can be cancelled due to inclement weather

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Registration is required for all programs.

To register contact Maggie Pletta at

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